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SUBJ: URBAN LAND REFORM

1. MUCH CONCERN IS BEING EXPRESSED WITHIN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY IN ADDIS ABOUT EFFECT OF URBAN LAND REFORM ON PRIVATE HOUSING AS WELL AS ON OFFICIAL RENTED CHANCERY PREMISES OF MANY MISSIONS. MOFA HAS RESPONDED TO THESE CONCERNS BY SAYING "UNOFFICIALLY" THAT THERE WILL BE A SUPPLEMENTARY ANNOUNCEMENT WITHIN A FEW DAYS GIVING LANDLORDS ADDITIONAL RIGHTS. THIS WILL TAKE THE FORM OF LETTING LANDLORDS WHO OWN SEVERAL HOUSES AND WHO CAN RETAIN ONLY ONE, TO CHOOSE AND KEEP TITLE TO A HOUSE NOW OCCUPIED BY MEMBER OF DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY, AND TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE RENT EVEN THOUGH THEY DO NOT OCCUPY THE HOUSE. THIS, IF IMPLEMENTED, WOULD HOPEFULLY EASE SUBSTANTIALLY MASSIVE MOVING PROBLEM THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY LANDLORDS IN MANY CASES CHOOSING TO TAKE OVER THEIR BEST HOUSE, OFTEN ONE OCCUPIED BY DIPLOMAT WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN EVICTED.

2. A FURTHER CONCERN BEING BROUGHT FORCEFULLY TO OPMG BY MEMBERS OF DIP CORPS IS ROLE OF ZEMACHA IN INVENTORYING PROPERTIES (INCLUDING WE HEAR PERSONAL PROPERTY IN HOUSES), WHICH JUDGING FROM RADICAL BEHAVIOR OF ZEMACHA IN RURAL AREAS COULD CAUSE

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INCIDENTS IF THE STUDENTS TRY TO ENTER AND INSPECT LEASED HOUSES

OCCUPIED BY DIPLOMATS. ONE SOLUTION BEING PROPOSED BY DIP CORPS IS FOR EPMG TO ISSUE LABELS FOR FRONT GATES OF DIPLOMATICALLY PROTECTED PREMISES, SAYING THAT HOUSE IS OCCUPIED BY DIP PROVELEGED PERSONS WITHOUT IDENTIFYING NATIONALITY. ADDIS HAS FEW STREET NAMES, AND NO STREET NUMBERS, SO NO CENTRAL LISTING BY EPMG OF SUCH PREMISES IS FEASIBLE, AND THEY MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIED.

3. CONCERN CITED ABOVE IS GROWING. EMBASSY HAS REPORTS WHICH IT IS INCLINED TO CREDIT THAT FIRST ACTS OF FORCIBLE PROPERTY REDISTRIBUTION HAVE ALREADY OCCURRED IN ADDIS'S "MERCATO" (MARKET). IT IS STILL UNCLEAR, HOWEVER, WHETHER PERPETRATORS WERE BONA FIDE MILITARY AND STUDENTS OR IMPOSTERS.

4. WE ALSO HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT DIRG IS WELL AWARE OF PROPERTY OWNERS' WORRIES AND IS CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE LOSS OF CONTROL OVER EVENTS IN THIS CONTEXT.  
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